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## FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

A fully developed case of roup is a sickening sight. Give the incubator a thorough cleaning after each batch.

The fellow who fails in the poultry business often lets the hens do all the work. A bone cutter costs money, but it helps to make more money from the flock.

If any of the hens are used a second season mate them to vigorous cockerels.

Increase the corn allowance in your evening feed during the damp and chilly nights.

Hens will be much healthier if they are not compelled to sit over filthy droppings all night.

Keep all of the best pullets and as they mature and begin to lay dispose of the poorer mixed ones.

Do not try to stimulate the hens to lay more eggs by feeding pepper or other hot stuff. It is bad business.

In localities where there are no live worms or bugs for the hens these days they must have a substitute some animal food.

Incubators can be set without much trouble, but it takes a mighty careful person to hatch the chicks and then raise them.

What is the use of keeping the feeding matter of fowls at a distance from the poultry house? Why not have a small compartment built in one corner of the house or adjoining it in which all the feed could be kept. This should be perfectly tight so that the birds cannot reach it. It saves a great deal of time and wading through mud and slush in the bad weather.

Salt is as essential for poultry as it is for human beings or animals. But it is not wise to feed it by itself. The better way is to season the food whenever that can be done. The warm mash in the winter gives an excellent opportunity to supply it.

While we are building nest boxes for the bluebirds and the martins, we owe it to the hen to provide her with a comfortable home, too. The notes of the bluebird are sweet, but Biddy provides the notes that help pay the grocery bill.

Overfeeding is generally responsible for hard crop. Irregularity of meals, dried grass or straw, sudden change of feed, constipation, lack of green food and stoppage of entrance to gizzard are frequently responsible for it.

Learn to prevent warning if you want honey.

Never plow clay soil when the ground sticks to the plow.

Oats should be seeded just as early as the ground can be worked.

As soon as the ground can be worked in the spring peas may be planted.

Start eggplant seed in a hotbed and transplant into warm, rich, mellow soil.

A falling column among farmers is crowding too many hours into one day's work.

Agriculture intelligently followed calls for the highest type of talent and intellect. One of the greatest sources of weeds on the farm is the sowing of impure seed.

Bees will make just as much honey in a soapbox or a nail keg as in the finest hive ever made. Too many farmers try to grow sweet corn without any or with too little commercial fertilizer.

The horse's feet should be watched for signs of cracked heels or scratches during cold, muddy weather.

Those fond of water-cress may have a summer's supply by sinking an old tub or bottom of a hoghead to a depth of ten inches near a pump or well or where the water can be frequently renewed from hose. Half fill receptacle with good soil, plant rooted water-cress and fill with water. A border of umbrella plants or other aquatic plants will make it a thing of beauty as well as of utility. A further improvement may be made by planting iris around outside of the tub, the overflow of water giving the necessary moisture to the flowers.

Many market gardeners find it profitable to include potatoes in their list of crops, and it is important to keep the seed tubers in a perfectly dormant condition. Cellars with furnaces are unsuitable for storing seed potatoes. The room should be cool, dry, well ventilated and frostproof.

Good bedding is of value because it saves the liquid manure.

The best crop to redeem a run down field is alfalfa.

The old fashioned winter is giving us some old fashioned roads this spring.

Tickle the cow's palate and increase production.

Study the whole problem from a business standpoint.

Brains in the milk pail insures quality, quantity and cleanliness.

Test, weight, weed out. The margin of profit allows no guess work.

More sunshine for the big producers, more fresh air for the whole herd.

Never mix any fresh cream with the ripened cream just before churning.

No man can succeed by being simply a machine capable of performing so much labor.

The cows should be well bedded with straw or shelled substance that they may keep themselves quite clean.

By having a first-class article and delivering it regularly, there will be no difficulty in getting creamery prices if demanded.

Insanitary stables, separators in barns and dark barns are only a few of the evils that the dairy expert has to fight.

When the thaw comes see that the grapevine trellis is put into nice condition. Straighten posts, tighten and fasten wires. Tie up the vines, remove and burn brush.

## NEW YORK FASHIONS

After all the season's run and the wear and tear that it entails on one's winter best, the dainty freshness of summer hats and fabrics seem particularly enticing. Straw hats and fur coats are so often donned, together in March that they excite no comment for the temptation is irresistible, once the hat is home, to wear it to a matinee even though the chilliness of the air makes for the only comfortable wrap.

Smart Simplicity and Floral Models

The simple smart looking hat, that depends for its effect on the shape, straw and color more than on any trimming, and the various floral toques and small hats are the first to be worn on the street, since these types go best with tailored dresses and the between season clothes that have their inning at this time of the year if ever. The vivid colors of the millinery displays would show that the coming fashions are to be brightly tinted and marked by sharp color contrasts in trimmings and accessories. Many of the black and white combinations would be quite ordinary in effect were it not for the dash of "Royal Blue," "Pat Green," "Helen Pink," or "Aubergine" the new mahogany red that is having such a run in Paris just now. Hats made up in tones of one color with perhaps a black bow or quill to give chic, or those that combine several soft reds with brown, or the last tint with gray and peacock blue or the deep purple hat that is very taking with the new hairline stripe sailor suits, are all distinctive types of present modes.

To have the color of the hat or its trimmings repeated in the accessories of the costume is still a favorite fad with Knickerbocker girls. Leather bags and pocket books, belts and hosiery

Mahogany or any other colored wood may be darkened by polishing with cold drawn linseed oil.

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It is very easy to make a new parasol of an old one by carefully ripping off the old cloth and using it as a pattern to cut a new one, which may be made either of cretonne or English chintz.



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worn with the low shoe that is donned at the first opportunity where it is not worn through the winter, all carry out the contrasting or matching color scheme.

New Dress Materials

The counters of all the smart shops are irresistibly attractive with their fascinating display of new materials and among the daintiest and most practical for present modes are the lovely shantung poplins that rival silk in their lustrous surface but have unusual wear resisting and draping qualities owing to their wool filling, which they very pliable and prevents them from being injured by dampness or musing as so many other delicate fabrics have a way of doing.

The New Cottons

Among the new cottons marquisette is easily first favorite both for waists and dresses. The cotton crepes are also leaders. Heavy embroideries done in mercerized cotton, and beaded patterns in jet and various colored beads are used extensively for these. A beaded cotton would have seemed absurd a few seasons back, but now beads are sewed as indissolubly on wash fabrics as on silk or chiffon. The fact that handsome cotton dresses and waists go to the cleaners instead of the landrums makes this trimming possible. Lace motifs are fetchingly introduced among the embroideries, and the white lingerie scarfs, that have come into play this winter promise to be increasingly worn with the new light dresses. Clumps of heavy French knots that imitate beads are a feature of the new trimmings for waists and dresses.

Stripes Modish

Stripes are high style in all materials, and the latest hosiery for wear with low tops and pumps show a great variety of striped effects in contrasting colors.

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## USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

To keep butter sweet in warm weather pack the butter in a crock; make brine strong enough to bear up an egg, and pour over it.

To remove indelible ink: Take a small lump of cyanure of potash, rub it on the ink stain, first dipping it in water, then rinse the cloth in cold water.

When baking cake, should the oven become too hot, set a basin of cold water in it.

For clapped hands: Wash your hands in sugar; dry them with corn meal, night and morning.

Milk will clean piano keys satisfactorily. It will take out ink spots of long standing. Used in starch it will give a fine gloss. It will remove discoloration from gilt mirrors and picture frames. Used with bluing for lace curtains it will make them look like new.

To cloud quickly the windows in a bath room, etc., apply with a brush a strong solution of epsom salts mixed in vinegar. This gives a beautiful frosted appearance and becomes permanent if varnished over with white varnish.

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moderately warm iron for a few minutes. The blotting paper will absorb the grease and the paper on the wall will be free from spots.

When it is desired to carry a candle into a drafty cellar or attic where there is danger of its blowing out or setting the clothes on fire, a short candle should be placed in a tumbler, being fastened there by its own wax. It will then burn steadily and safely.

The white of an egg, slightly beaten and the crushed shell of the egg is enough to clarify a quart of strained soup. Stir the soup constantly after adding the egg and shell, let it boil hard for a few minutes, set on the back of the range to settle and then strain.

When water pitchers or bottles are covered with a crust of lime fill with sour milk and leave 24 hours, then the acid in the milk will have absorbed the lime the vessel will sparkle like new.

Never throw away old cuffs from the men's shirts, as they make excellent holders to use around the stove.

Damp shoes are usually hard to polish. Add a drop or two of melted paraffin to the blacking, and the dry will polish up at once.

Save the drain pipes by wiping all greasy dishes with soft paper, then burn the paper. A roll or bunch of tissue paper should always be kept in easy reach in the kitchen; it is inexpensive and will save much work.

To remove iron rust saturate the spot with lemon juice, sprinkle well with salt and put into the sunshine. It will finish the work.

Manny housekeepers have fitted covers for their mattresses, made out of unbleached muslin. They may be removed to launder and last for years, keeping the mattress as fresh as new.

Tartar emetic will rid the house of ants. A dime's worth sprinkled about where the ants are will effectually dispose of them. Care should be used that this white powder does not touch any food, as it is a deadly poison.

Use a large cork for scouring knives with scouring brick.

An ordinary mason jar top or a baking powder can top makes a good kettle scraper.

Candle grease may be removed by laying a blotting paper over the spot and applying a hot iron. The blotter absorbs the grease.

When using plaster of paris, wet it with vinegar instead of water and it will not harden so rapidly.

## A CAREFUL MAN

The parsimony of the old New Englander of the type now almost vanished was nobly exemplified in Mr. Benny Huntington, who lived with his maiden sister in a little town in western Massachusetts. Neither had ever spent a penny unnecessarily and when in his old age Mr. Benny became crippled with "the rheumatism" and had, as well, strange flutterings of his heart, which were relieved by the best recommended "nervous" tests, they were greatly shocked at the suggestions and warnings of their friends and neighbors that they ought to send for a doctor. Mr. Benny refused, declared his scorn of the entire medical profession and continued to save his pennies.

But the pain grew worse. Mr. Benny was confined to his bed in great agony and overheard some of the neighbors telling his sister that he was going to die. Then he sent for an old schoolmate, a man as "careful" as himself.

"Josiah," he asked, in a low, confidential tone, "have you ever had a doctor?" Josiah shook his head. Dunno as I have," he answered.

Mr. Benny reached out and laid a trembling hand upon his old friend's arm. "Josiah," he asked again, "did you ever hear how much one of those doctors charges for a visit?"

Josiah looked at his suffering friend with pitying sympathy. "Well," he said, breaking it gently as he could—"well," I have heard, Benny, that they charge as much as \$2 a visit."

"Two dollars?" Mr. Benny repeated. "Two dollars!" Then he sank back on his pillow and sighed in a voice of strangely mingled relief, regret and resignation, "Well, I dunno but I'd rather spend \$5 than die!"

To fix a loose knife handle to the blade fill the hole in the handle two thirds full of mixed rosin and brick dust. Then heat the shaft of the knife and while hot press the place. Hold it there until quite firmly set.

If it is desired to have a veil a little stiff after it is washed it can be accomplished by having a tiny bit of sugar in the rinsing water. Then stretch the veil in a doorway where it can dry in a free current of air.

For a dainty and easily made dessert, try slicing oranges and sprinkling a layer of fruit with grated or shredded fresh coconut. Let it stand half an hour before serving. Sugar may be added if the oranges are not sweet.

A savory breakfast dish may be made as follows: One large cup of calves' liver and bacon minced, half of a sweet green pepper cut fine, all browned well in a pan liberally greased with butter and then four eggs are set.

To clean silk and woolen clothes of grease spots, they may be gently rubbed with a cake of magnesia, laid away for several days and then shaken out. It will not hurt to press the magnesia in with a hot iron, first covering the fabric with brown paper.

To make a good sweet potato pie, take a cup of mashed sweet potato, a teaspoonful of cinnamon, half a teaspoonful of salt, some of nutmeg and ginger, half cup of sugar, a cup of milk and one well-beaten egg. Bake for half an hour in a slow oven.

To remove grease spots from wall paper sprinkle baking soda over blotting paper and place over the spot and press with a

## GIVEN SHORT WEIGHT

The statement comes from Washington, to the effect that from twenty-five to seventy-five per cent. of the scales used by retailers and wholesalers in the United States are incorrect. Eighty-five per cent. of these defective scales discriminate against the consumer, while the other fifteen per cent. favor him. Scales favoring the consumer are less than an ounce out of the way, while those discriminating against the consumer were considerably more than an ounce under weight, some being as low as thirteen and fourteen ounces. These startling statements are made by Louis A. Fisher, chief of the weights and measures division of the bureau of standards. In addition, Mr. Fisher says the bureau of standards has never secured a sample of butter in print that was not under weight. Most of the "pounds" weighed fifteen ounces. Dr. S. W. Stratton, director of the bureau of standards, with Mr. Fisher, has inaugurated a crusade against retailers, wholesalers and corporations who give short measure, which promises to make their names as much a byword in the homes of the American people as that of Dr. Wiley by his efforts in securing pure food.

As investigators are to visit all parts of Delaware to detect the infraction of the law, it would be well for all dealers to have their scales and measures tested to see that they are correct and show the standard avoirdupois weight, sixteen ounces to the pound.

## THE LENTEN SEASON

"The observance of a set time for self-examinations and self-denials," says the poet Herrick, "has been of untold benefit both in the church and the world," and experience has proved that this is so. The opportunity for self-examination, self-denial and discipline is once more at hand. To the busy world there has come a call, sanctioned by church and custom, for relaxation and retirement and for the reinvigoration of spirit that is obtained only through prayer and fasting and service and a close thought association with Him who fasted those forty days in the wilderness. Even in its less religious aspect Lent is almost a necessity and one cannot fail to benefit by the observance of it. The rest from all-absorbing business and from the frantic pleasures of a pleasure seeking age means recuperation for mind and body, and this in itself is good. It begets a tendency to think less of self and more of others and there follows charity in thought and act and a consideration of things above the purely mundane. But Lent has a fuller purpose and significance than this—one that looks to the highest need of human nature, and only those who keep it in spirit and who constantly bear in mind on what it was founded can truly reap the advantages it has to offer.

## NURSING AS A CAREER

It is said that nursing is one of the most inviting fields of human service and that its financial return surpasses any other occupation open to young women. It develops all the native graces of womanhood and leads the way to positions of trust and influence. The demand for more nurses is a world wide call.

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## Celebrate Maryland Day

Dr. M. Bates Stephens, superintendent, and Mr. B. K. Pardon, assistant superintendent of public instruction, are preparing to make assignments of speakers for the annual Maryland Day in the public schools. The date set aside for this event, which is devoted to the exploiting of Maryland history by leading citizens familiar with the subject and by pupils, is March 25, but as this date this year falls on Saturday, Friday, March 24, has been selected.

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### A BOARD OF TRADE

Lucky Middletown! Beyond measure—yes, beyond deserving a favorite of Fortune! Many years ago Opportunity vainly knocked at her doors when the big Molins Plov Works with 1000 or two workmen begged leave to come within her borders. Had this huge plant not been driven away Middletown would be today a city second only to Wilmington in size and importance. Opportunity knocked again, wishing to locate the P. W. & B Railroad repair shops here and got another rebuff. So all along the decades of the past has this long suffering Goddess of Fortune been knocking, knocking—and almost always, in vain.

So recently as last summer Opportunity sent her advance agent here in the shape of the Delmarva Mfg. Co., asking nothing but building for their works. For their pains—what, help—en courage? No. A polite answer with thanks for their offer? No—nothing—just stolid indifference, nothing, not even the common business courtesy of a reply to the letter making a proposition to the town's advantage! That same manufacturer was bid for elsewhere. Another town, Clayton, made valuable concessions to get what Middletown refused to take for nothing. Amazing, but a fact! And Clayton is reaping a due reward for its live, progressive spirit.

One would think that Opportunity in sheer disgust would never again deign to look at such a town as ours. But it has and marvelous to say, with even redoubled generosity.

Mr. Louis Topkis, the well known merchant of Wilmington, wants to start a manufactory for light underwear here, which will employ 100 or more persons. His pay roll in Smyrna for a like business is thousands yearly. He prefers the old shirt factory to the Parker building. Newark wants him to come there and that live, growing town is bidding for him—offering a bonus for the location there of his factory.

When the Burgess shirt factory was at its height here, it employed 20 men and 110 women. Two big hackloads of workers, 25, came daily over from Odessa; Townsend sent up its quota; young women came here from Dover, Milford, Smyrna, etc., to reside in order to work in the factory.

All this can be repeated and more, if the town will only wake up and welcome its good fortune instead of clubbing it away as in the olden days or coldly ignoring it as in the more recent times. This town with the two manufactorys now seeking to locate here, can increase its population by 100 or more families in one year. Do we wish more people—more business—more building—more property—more money? Then let us wake up and welcome those business men who want to do us good.

What are our leading business men going to do about it?

What are our Town Commissioners going to do about it? Middletown has lost not a few families in the past six months. There are 17 houses and two stores for rent in town! It used to be hard to find a house here. We have spoken with numbers of industrious (men and women too, for that matter) who complain bitterly that they must keep idle hands. Others say they will have to go away. More houses will be empty and still more and the town will go from bad to worse.

Over 80 of the leading citizens of the town, including a number of ladies who are enthusiastic about the matter, have signified a willingness to form and promote "The Middletown Board of Trade." A notice of a meeting to organize the enterprise will be given at an early day.

Mrs. Cutbert Green, Miss Ethel and Helen Brady will sail for England on May 6th, to spend several months in Europe.

### Morning News Improvements

The Morning News has just installed a new Goss Acme Straightline Press as well as a new model No. 5 Linotype Machine, making its mechanical equipment of the highest standard.

The new press is the latest product of the Goss Printing Press Company, and it will print, cut, paste and fold newspapers of from six, eight, ten, twelve, fourteen, or sixteen pages in book form. The machine will turn out 16,000 complete sixteen-page papers an hour.

With the additions just made to its plant the N. News should be able more than ever to produce a live, readable newspaper devoted to the interests of Middletown and Delaware.

## THE LEGISLATURE

Senate and House met in night session Monday night for the first time of the present General Assembly. The time was devoted mostly to introduction of bills and receiving committee reports. As all the bills excepting appropriation and claims measures have been introduced, the remainder of the session will be devoted to committee work and final action on bills. In the Senate 195 bills have been introduced, and in the House 391 bills have been introduced.

Senator Ewing introduced a joint resolution providing for final action on all bills to cease with March 23, from which date a recess shall be taken until March 31st, when final adjournment will take place. It was originally planned that final adjournment should be on April 3 or 4th, but some of the members suggested March 31st for adjournment sine die.

The House passed R. representative Buckingham's bill authorizing the State Military Board to borrow and expend \$15,000 for erection of a new State arsenal wherever the Board may designate. It is generally understood that the arsenal will be built in Dover (the bill passes). Senator Hazel introduced a bill to establish a hospital at Dover for Kent County. If the people of this section want a hospital they should make their wishes known to the members of the General Assembly, it would undoubtedly save many lives and be a Godsend to humanity in this vicinity.

Senator Hazel introduced two anti-liquor bills. One prohibits the soliciting of orders for liquor in the "dry" district and provides fine of \$50 and imprisonment for not less than three months or more than one year.

The other bill introduced by Senator Hazel makes it unlawful to store liquor in "dry" districts in greater quantities than one gallon, which shall be for personal use. It does not apply to bonded warehouses or liquor stores for medicinal purposes. There is also a provision allowing searches to be made with a warrant and there is a fine for violation.

The House passed the Senate bill creating the office of comptroller in Kent County at a salary of \$1,000 a year and also the Senate bill making the assessment in Sussex county against the property instead of the individual.

The House passed the Senate bill re-incorporating the Board of Education of Felton and also Senator Buckstone's Senate bill providing for the probation by the criminal courts of first offenders under certain conditions, providing it is not a capital offense.

The bill of R. representative Buckingham providing for the establishment of a State Arsenal at Dover and appropriating \$15,000 for the same, was passed by the House by a vote of 25 to 3. Representatives Conwell, Wright and Hastings opposing it. The bill names the governor state treasurer, adjutant-general, quartermaster-general and commanding officer of troops as a commission to secure a site and erect the arsenal.

Killed—House bill providing that a tenant in moving off a farm may take a similar quantity of hay that he moved on the place (2 to 10).

### ODESSA

Miss Florence Berry is in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. O. C. Stevens was a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Miss Alice McCoy, of Wilmington, was a recent visitor here.

Rev. J. H. Gray and wife are attending Conference this week.

Mrs. Kate Siddham and son, John, are Philadelphia visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, Jr., of Chester, visited her parents here last week.

Miss Mabel Knapp, of Felton, is the guest of Mrs. Willard Spicer this week.

Miss Francis April, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor with her parents.

Capt. William Rhein, of Reedy Island, was an over Sunday visitor with his parents.

Rev. R. L. Hallett and little son, of Altoona, Pa., visited friends in town last week.

Mrs. D. J. Niles, of Townsend, was the guest of Miss Mary April several days last week.

Mr. J. Roemer, of Mt. Pleasant, is spending some time with his son, Mr. George Roemer and family.

Dr. A. B. Davis, of Camden, was a visitor at the home of Mr. G. L. Townsend and family Sunday last.

Mr. George Greenminger, of New York City, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Sophia Greenminger, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swan, of Wilmington, were the guests of his aunt, Mrs. W. Heller and family several days last week.

At a regular business meeting of Methodist Brotherhood on the evening of March 9th, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Dr. H. F. Smyth; First Vice President, Mr. Joseph Shaw; Second Vice President, Mr. Lester Cleaver; Third Vice President, Mr. W. H. Heldermyer; Fourth Vice President, Mr. William Bogenshutz; Secretary, Mr. George E. Rhodes; Treasurer, Mr. Fred A. Reynolds; Executive Committee, Mr. Joseph G. Brown, Mr. Thomas Ford and Mr. William H. Eccles. After the business of the evening refreshments were served.

### CECILTON

Mrs. Virginia Jones is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. R. W. Blackway visited friends in Masscy on Sunday.

Mr. James H. Smith was a Baltimore visitor a few days this week.

Mrs. Janie Smith is the guest of Mrs. J. Atwell, of near Chertown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. G. of Kent Co., Md., spent one day in town.

Rev. O. E. Jones left Tuesday for Wilmington to attend Conference.

Alexander Jackson, of Wilmington, spent a few days with friends in town.

Mrs. James Vandye, of Wilmington, is the guest of her sister, Miss Martha Vandegrift.

Mrs. W. Dickson and daughter, of near Bethel, were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Taylor on Sunday.

Miss Georgina Weinsley, of Baltimore, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday at her home in town.

Miss Emma Leuby has returned home, after spending some time with friends in Haddonfield, N. J.

Miss Nellie Anderson was given a surprise party on Friday evening of last week. Quite a number were present and all spent an enjoyable evening.

## TOWNSEND

Mr. Lloyd Knotts, of Newport, was at home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Naylor spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary E. Money.

Miss Ethel Lee is spending this week with Mrs. John Houston, at Clayton.

Miss L. L. Maloney and Miss Meta MacSorely were in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Mr. Roe MacSorely, of Hi Iborough, Md., was an over Sunday visitor with his parents.

Mark Statts left on Sunday last for Philadelphia, where he has accepted a position.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schuster, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Evelyn Rogers, of Camden, N. J., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Townsend, near town.

Mr. William Daniels, of near Wilmington, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. George Daniels and family.

Mrs. George Daniels entertained the sewing circle on Monday evening. A very delightful time was had by all.

Mr. Austin Hart was the guest of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Naylor, of near McDonough, from Friday until Monday.

Miss Mildred Ginn, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor with her parents, George Ginn and family, of near town.

Miss Anna VanDyke, who has been spending the past two weeks with friends in Delaware City and Wilmington, has returned home.

## WARWICK

Mr. Daniel Wilson, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with S. D. Wilson and family.

Miss Ella Vinyard was entertained by her sister, Mrs. U. F. Ginn, of near Mt. Pleasant, last week.

Mrs. William Vinyard and Mrs. John L. Lattimore, spent Thursday with Mrs. Thomas Hodgson, of near Seaford.

Mrs. George Merritt, of West Collingswood, N. J., were town visitors on Monday.

Miss Bessie Gunkel was a Philadelphia visitor Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Duryea have returned home, after a week's stay in New York.

Mr. W. J. B. Lofland spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Lofland.

Mr. Lewis Aiken, of Philadelphia, was a town visitor on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Aiken spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aiken.

Miss Mamie Merritt has returned home after a two week's stay with relatives in Elkton.

Thieves entered the chicken house of Mr. S. H. Duryea on Tuesday night and carried away quite a number of his best chickens.

Quite a number of town people attended the sale of Mr. E. O. Spear, on "Bohemian Manor," on Wednesday.

Dogs got in Mr. Walter Schriver's sheep on Tuesday, damaging his flock quite a good deal and killed two of them.

Judge R. B. Merritt was an Elkton visitor Tuesday and Wednesday.

Preaching next Sunday evening at 7.30. Christian Endeavor 7 o'clock. Rev. C. M. Collum Pastor.

## CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. Julia W. Clayton is spending some time in Philadelphia.

Rev. Lynde, of Oxford, Pa., filed the Presbyterian pulpit on Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. DeCoursey is spending this week with Philadelphia relatives.

Miss Lucy M. Reed is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edwin Graves, at Marietta.

Rev. Edwin Gardner is attending the M. E. Conference at Wilmington this week.

Chesapeake City Grange will entertain Pomona County Grange on Thursday, April 20th.

Mr. Fred B. Cooling, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Charles Cooling.

Miss Rosa Butler, of Wilmington, who is to substitute in the Commercial Dep't. High School, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

Maryland Day will be observed on March 24th in our schools as the 25th comes on Saturday.

Mrs. E. A. Beachamp announces her Spring opening of Millinery for Friday, March 31st, and April 1st.

Rev. McElmory, of Elkton, delivered an interesting talk at the Chesapeake High School on Thursday.

Misses Daisy and Hannah Bouchele are spending ten days with relatives at Barksdale and North East.

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Whether for family use, Parties, Weddings, or Banquets, we can furnish any quantity on short notice. Packed in bulk or in bricks. All standard flavors. Quality guaranteed the very best.

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ON HAND AT ALL TIMES HIGH-GRAD BITUMINOUS & LEHIGH

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SAWED WOOD by the Cord or in small quantities

Lime, Seed, Feed, &c.

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## EXECUTOR'S SALE

REAL ESTATE!

On MARCH 18th, 1911

At 2 o'clock P. M.

At the Middletown Hotel, Middletown, Delaware, the following described Real Estate, late of George F. Brady, deceased, to wit:

1. All that certain lot or parcel of land situate on the north side of Lake Street, in Middletown, New Castle County and State of Delaware, having a front on said Lake Street of fifty-three feet and extending northward between parallel lines one hundred feet: Bounded on the east by land of Deles Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, on the north by land of Wm. Brinkley and on the west by land late of Mary A. Jones, with a double frame dwelling situated thereon.

2. Ten per cent. cash on day of sale. Balance when deed is delivered which must be within 30 days. Cost of conveyance to be paid by purchaser.

FREDERICK BRADY, Executor of G. F. Brady Estate.

## NOTICE!

L. J. HARRY MASSEY, owner and tenant of the house known as the Cantwell House, situated at Odessa, in School District No. 61, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly, in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions, in and for New Castle County, on Monday, the 1st day of May, A.D. 1911, being the next term of said court, for a license of said house as an inn or tavern for the sale thereof of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

Henry Heller, John F. Morris, George Hahn, John Heller, Levi A. Plummer, Wm. R. Phillips, Thos. F. Wallace, David Thornton, F. J. Penington, Wm. M. Greenminger, Wesley T. Duhadaway, Wm. E. Tucker, Wm. W. Greenminger, Jacob Muehlberger, Chas. Kronemer.

J. HARRY MASSEY.

MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATION

The thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Mutual Loan Association, of Middletown, Delaware, will be held in the office of the Secretary,

Tuesday, March 21, 1911

At 7 o'clock, P. M.

For the purpose of electing a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, to serve 1 year, and 3 Directors to serve 2 years, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

The books are now open for the sale of stock in the thirty-ninth Series.

ALFRED G. COX, Secretary.

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Town Property, Farm Buildings, and Stock

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Insure now against damage from wind storms.

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GEORGE D. KELLEY, Middletown, Del.

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OF

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On Saturday, March 18th, 1911

From 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

30 per cent. saved on everything bought here on above date. Call and see our goods and you will be a purchaser.

Middletown Market

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Middletown, Delaware

FARMS FOR SALE

NEAR GEORGETOWN

No. 1.—53 Acres, 1 mile from Georgetown, on Gravel Road leading to Lewes. Building now being erected.

No. 2.—40 Acres, 1 mile from Georgetown, on Stone Road leading to Laurel; 8 room house and outbuildings.

No. 3.—40 Acres, 1 mile from Georgetown, on Stone Road leading to Laurel. Have contracted for buildings.

No. 4.—50 Acres, 1 mile from Georgetown, on Stone Road leading to Laurel. Buildings now being erected.

No. 5.—40 Acres, 1 mile from Georgetown, on Stone Road leading to Laurel. Buildings being erected.

No. 7.—227 Acres, 2 miles from Georgetown, near Gravel Road leading to Milford; 6-room house.

No. 8.—50 Acres, 1 mile from Georgetown, near Gravel Road leading to Seaford; 4-room house and outbuildings.

No. 9.—50 Acres, 1 mile from town, near Gravel Road leading to Seaford; 4 room house and outbuildings.

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Georgetown, Delaware

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## Arbor and Bird Day Proclamation!

With the return of Spring, the touch of her light wings awakening bud and blossom, we should realize afresh the importance of this day, and again turn our attention to the care and cultivation of trees and shrubs and the protection of birds. That the sentiment may be kept fully alive, and the day be borne in mind, I, Simon S. Pennewill, Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby designate Friday, MARCH 21st, A. D. 1911, as ARBOR AND BIRD DAY; and do recommend that this day be observed by all our citizens who have an admiration for trees and birds; and especially by all educational institutions, by planting suitable trees and shrubs on school grounds, in public and private parks, along public roads, and other proper places, and by appropriate exercises. The purpose being not only to adorn such places, but to encourage and promote the study of arboriculture, and to inspire and cultivate a tender regard for birds and trees.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Simon S. Pennewill, Governor of the State of Delaware, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, at Dover, this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-fifth.

By the Governor, SIMON S. PENNEWILL, WILLIAM T. SMITH, Secretary of State

## NEARLY OVER

Our Clearance Sale of Heavy Suits, Overcoats and Trousers is nearly over; Some Big Bargains in every size this week and next.

New Spring Goods are crowding in for room and must have it. Every Department busy with new Models and Makes.

New Spring Overcoats for Men and Young Men, \$8 to \$25, Blacks, Oxford and the new Greys and Browns.

Top Coats and Reefers for Boys and Little Boys in sizes 3 to 15 years, \$3 to \$10.

Sailor Suits, Russians, Norfolk and Coat Suits for Little Boys in 3 to 10 years, \$2.50 to \$6.

Boys Norfolk and Knicker Pants Suits, sizes 8 to 17 years \$3 to \$12.

Young Men's, High School Boys' Suits, sizes 15 to 19 years, special cuts \$3 to \$15.

Biggest Because Best

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Cooling Shoes Hats

## S. H. Staats

LADIES' SPRING NECKWEAR

Among the new arrivals in Neckwear is a beautiful line of real

IRISH CROCHET LACE COLLARS, STOCKS AND JABOTS all in the newest shapes and patterns. You will find these very dainty and at the same time most moderate in price.

EMBROIDERED LINEN COLLARS, 12c, 15c and 25c.

BOW TIES—Silk, velvet, mull embroidered and edged with lace.

DUTCH COLLARS, 25c, 50c and on up.

WINDSOR TIES—Plain colors and plaids.

SAILOR TIES, JABOTS, RABATS AND STOCKS

MULL TIES—Ends embroidered in white and colors.

NEW RUCHINGS

TOURIST RUCHING—6 yds. to a box—plain, 25c; lace edge 35c.

Puff Ruching 25c a box.

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Mails Close as Follows:  
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 4:30 p. m., and 8 p. m.  
Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:30 p. m., and 8 p. m.  
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 4:30 p. m., and 8 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton and Marlville 9:30 a. m., and 4:30 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MARCH 18, 1911

## LOCAL NEWS

Variegated weather.  
Now for gentle spring.  
March is upholding its reputation.  
Spring warblers beginning to arrive.  
Wagons and Dearborns for sale.  
J. C. GREEN.  
Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.  
LOST—A pair of brass pederals belonging to A. Harris. Return to J. H. Emerson.  
FOR RENT—Stable East Main St. Also Stable West Main St.  
G. E. HICKILL.  
FOR RENT—Desirable dwelling with bath. Possession March 25th. 1911. Apply to Miss S. R. BAILEY.  
Synrna, Del.  
Wagons and Dearborns for sale.  
J. C. GREEN.  
WANTED—Second-hand roll top desk in good condition. Apply to  
THIS OFFICE.  
WANTED—A white woman for light house keeping for 2 men and children in the family. Apply to  
THIS OFFICE.  
Rev. T. N. Given will preach Sunday morning and evening at St. Paul's M. E. Church in Odessa.  
FOR SALE—Fine bay driving mare with eight months old colt by her side. Apply to  
J. W. JONES.  
Warwick, Md.  
We will have a display of ready to wear hats, for early spring wear Saturday March 18th. FOGEL & BURSTAN, Dept., Store.  
WANTED—A reliable white woman as housekeeper in family of five, on small farm. Must give good reference. Address  
JAMES JARELL, Middletown, Del.  
Our pure seed potatoes have arrived from Presque Isle, Maine. Kindly stop in and inspect same before placing your orders.  
JESSE L. SHEPHERD.  
Phone 5-48.  
Our Moslin underwear sale will commence Saturday, March 18th, 200 White shirts will be put on sale price 35c to \$2.38 regular price 75c to \$4.98.  
FUGEL & BURSTAN, Dept., Store.  
A lazy man's way to work strawberries is said to be turning a flock of geese on the patch. They will pull up all the weeds and leave the plants unharmed. We pay attention to whom it may concern.  
I am soliciting work for one of the very best dyeing and cleaning establishments in the East and will ship goods on the day of each week. Give me a try.  
ROBT. B. JONES.  
EGGS FOR SETTING—Barnum's Rhode Island Red, by the setting or a hundred lots. My stock is the best a money can buy, and I guarantee fertility.  
C. F. CHARTERIS, Middletown, Del.  
We have stored in our warehouses at Middletown and Bear, Del., Fertilizer for all Spring Crops by bag or ton, also oats. Send your order to-day.  
JESSE L. SHEPHERD.  
Phone 5-48.  
The Delaware, one of the most powerful and best equipped vessels in the city, has been fitted out to represent the United States at the exposition at the United States in the E. Rich Channel in connection with the coronation of King George V. in June.  
Uncle Sam's Letters—The following list of letters remains undelivered in the post office for the week ending March 9th: Mrs. H. M. Davis, Mrs. Rachel Davis, Mrs. George Horsey, William Grant, Mr. Alex. Jones, Mr. Wm. Moore, Mr. James Pitt, Mr. W. J. Z. ties.  
Donations for the Palmer Home for Old Folks, at Dover, may be left at Mr. Bragdon's drug store at any time before April 4th next. All sorts of food, such as groceries, soap, jellies, preserves, etc., may be included. This is a worthy home charity which in the energetic hands of our Delaware ladies is doing a world of good.  
Mr. John M. Clough of Kennedysville, Md., has been appointed as a groom at the St. Anne's wedding. Mr. Clough is a fine young man, he has resided in Middletown and will bring his wife and three children here in a few days. He passed 100 on his examination as to his fitness to perform the duties of his responsible position, and we have no doubt he will give the railroad and the community efficient service and prove a welcome addition to the citizenship of our town.

## RECTOR IMPROVEMENTS

The Rectory of St. Anne's P. E. Church has been renovated, painted and papered throughout by the rectory and looks as neat as a new pin; this will delight the Rectory's estimable wife and little folks on their return from visiting in the West. The church pipe-organ has also been thoroughly repaired and tuned by Mr. Haskell, the well-known Philadelphia organ builder who recently installed a large new electric pneumatic organ in Old Sweden. The Rev. A. E. Clay, a former rector, preached for the Rev. Percy L. Donaghy in his church on Wednesday evening last and Mr. Donaghy preached in Old Sweden on the same evening. The Rev. H. A. Grantham, of Marshalltown, will preach on Wednesday evening, March 22d, in the Church.

## MAN WANTED

The Light & Water Commissioners of Middletown, jointly wish to employ a good business man to do the Secretary's work for both boards; keep office hours for collection of light and water rates, which can be better explained in person. Application for the position will be received until next Monday night, the 20th of March, when some one will be elected. Sec'y LIGHT & WATER COM.

## SURPRISE DANCE

One of the most delightful dances given for some time was the "Surprise Dance" tendered Miss Lulu B. Vinard last evening in the Century Club room, by her friends, in honor of her birthday.  
In being St. Patrick's Day, every thing was green. The room was prettily trimmed in green, the programmes were designed especially for the occasion having a pretty design of shamrock. The favors were all appropriate to the occasion.  
At intermission refreshments were served, consisting of brick ice cream, cake, coffee, salted nuts and mints. Music was furnished by Mr. Sewell Downs, and lasted until the early hours of the morning.  
Among those present were: Mrs. J. P. Vinard, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. T. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Vinard, Misses Lulu Vinard, Helen Dutton, Blue Weber, Nellie Pyle, Helen Jones, Lousa Weber, Mary Beaton, Lousa Weber, Mary Richards, Edith Francis, Marian Vinard, Margaret Price, Louise Edmundo, Prudence Lewis, Elizabeth H. Hiten, May Kumpel, Bertha Jones, Messrs. James Henry Vinard, Allen Evans, Royden Wilson, Frank Postley, Edward Banning, Sam H. Buckworth, Norman Kumpel, Ringgold Richards, Arthur Evans, Frank Richards, Delbert Gallagher, Comings Caden, William Kirk, Daniel Stevens, Harry P. Jones, Philip Vinard and Howard Moore.  
At 9:30 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining-room, where a fine menu was served, consisting of chicken salad, ham, bi-cuits, pickles, fruit, ice cream, cake and coffee.  
Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pearce, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Waldon, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spicer, Miss Lillian Melvin, State Conductor Richard H. Edson and Fred Ginn, of Downsville; E. S. Jones, W. T. Pearce, Sr., W. W. Allen, D. W. Stevens, Frank Postley, M. Banning, Colonel Crouch and Rev. V. S. Collins.  
His Carriage Demolished  
Mr. John Heldmeyer had a very narrow escape from injury on Saturday afternoon while driving a team on one of his business trips. He had one of his young horses alongside of his older horse and was proceeding on his journey when at the railroad crossing the young horse became frightened and Mr. Heldmeyer in his efforts to hold the animals was placed in a very awkward position by the parting of one of the lines, thus making him utterly powerless to hold the horses. The horses made three or four quick circles in the air before coming to a stop. Mr. Heldmeyer was unhurt, but his horse was killed.

## LODGE MEN ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Pearce gave a treat to several members of Middletown Council, No. 2, J. O. U. A. M., at their home, on East Main street, last Monday evening. About 12 of the lodgemen were present and a pleasant social evening was spent.  
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## DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE

A delightful party was given on Friday evening last, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Price in Middle Neck, Md., in honor of their daughter, Miss Margaret Price. The affair was an entire surprise to Miss Price and was arranged by her young friends of the neighborhood. Dancing was indulged in, Mr. Charles Stearns furnishing music on the violin. Refreshments were served at a late hour.  
Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Price, Mr. and Mrs. John Price, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, Mr. Walter Buckworth, Misses Margaret Price, Stella Bishop, Clara Price, Alice Walters, Mary Tarbutton, Mary Carpenter, Hattie Manlove, Eva Allard, Lolla Bryson, Emma Manlove, Ella Vinard, Alma Bryson, Beulah Jewell, Clara Duryea, Alice Clark, Bertha Lynch, Lena Buckworth, Messrs. Raymond Price, Samuel Buckworth, Harvey Jewell, Samuel King, Julian Cleaver, Harry Vinard, Morgan Robinson, Richard Tarbutton, Jesse Vinard, Harry R. Johnson, James Robinson, Edgar Bishop, Albert Day, Howard Buckworth, Charles Duryea, John Garner, Jay Alfred Edward Manlove, Leland Price, George Pierce, William Bryson, Arthur Price, William Price and Charles Stearns.

## BRIDAL FELICITATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Fournace at their residence on South Broad Street, gave on Saturday evening last, a reception in honor of the newly wedded pair, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gill, just returned from their trip to Washington, D. C. An elegant collation was prepared and ample justice paid the comestibles by all hands, bride, groom and guests. After the supper, several hours were spent in social amities, in vocal and instrumental music by a number of ladies. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gill, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Crossland, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Fournace, Mrs. E. E. Collen, Miss Elizabeth Hiten, Miss Jennette Schreitz, Miss May Kumpel, Miss Mary Richards, and Messrs. Arthur P. Cochran, Daniel W. Stevens, Charles Evans, William Beaton and Julian G. Cleaver.

## POOL'S BOTTLE LAW KILLED

DOVER, March 16th.—The House this morning defeated Representative Pool's bill to repeal the bottle law which prohibits the sale of liquor to be drunk off the premises. The bill received six votes and ten votes were cast against it. It required sixteen votes to pass the measure. The vote was as follows: Yes—Representatives Alexander Conwell, B. F. Cooper, Davis, Evans, Garrison, Hart, Hoffer, Hurdle, Johnson, Leates, Marvel, Pool, Robbins, Tebo, Wilson—Total, 16.  
No—Bewick, Buckingham, T. O. Coopers, Gornley, Hammond, Layton, Moore, Morris, Swan, Wright, Total 10.  
Present, but not voting—Representatives Gills, Heston, Talley, White and Speaker Campbell.  
Absent at time of vote—Representative Bell, Fisher, Hastings and Elliot.

## MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS

The missionary collections for the Sunday School classes of Bethesda M. E. Church, for the year ending February 28th, 1911, were as follows:  
M. J. Wilson.....\$ 29.00  
E. R. Horn.....8.00  
Mrs. V. S. Collins.....19.00  
E. G. Allard.....12.00  
Emily Allen.....8.00  
J. H. Emerson.....8.00  
Mrs. Davis Wilson.....7.00  
Mrs. Jesse Shepherd.....28.00  
Rev. V. S. Collins.....100.00  
William B. Kates.....10.50  
Edna Banning.....8.00  
Minors Banning.....20.00  
Lottie Jolly.....8.00  
Primary Dept.....37.50  
Total \$308.00  
The Transcript \$1 per year.

## PERSONALS

Miss Mary Beaton spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.  
Mrs. L. E. Callen is the guest of relatives in Wilmington.  
Miss Ada L. Lockwood is in New York for a visit of several weeks.  
Mr. Benjamin Denny, of Wilmington spent Sunday with his sisters here.  
Mrs. John Bender is spending several days with relatives in Wilmington.  
Mrs. Samuel B. Board entertained her sister, Mrs. Staveley, of Chestertown, Md. last week.  
Miss Lily Hodge, of Elwyn, Pa., spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson.  
Miss Carrie Roe, of Massey, Md., is the guest of Mrs. James Redgrave, on West Main street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lynch, of Wilmington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bush.  
Mrs. S. J. Brockson and mother, Mrs. Choate, have been spending the week in Philadelphia with Mrs. Choate's son who is critically ill.  
Mrs. Martha Atkins and daughter, Miss Mary, left town Tuesday for St. Elmo, Va. This is a suburb of Washington and Mrs. Atkins has two sons who reside there.  
Miss Mollie Wilson is on a two weeks visit with relatives in Millard and Georgetown. Miss Frame of Millard, who has been visiting Miss Wilson, is spending sometime with Mrs. John W. Roberts in Synrna.  
Miss B. Anne Lockwood, who has been in Philadelphia all winter, has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. S. W. Lockwood, Miss Marie Lockwood has just returned to Philadelphia after a short visit home.

## NEW CENTURY CLUB

An interesting program of Song, Reading and Essay  
The ladies of the New Century Club on Tuesday last had a big turnout and gave their members and a few visitors one of the finest programs of the season.  
Mrs. C. A. Hoffercker as chairman presided over the afternoon's session. Mrs. J. Allen Johnson gave a pleasing instrumental solo. Then Mrs. Hoffercker read the charming bit of verse from the pen of Dr. Henry VanDyke, published by his special permission last Summer in THE TRANSCRIPT, "Home Thoughts From Europe." Mrs. M. B. Burris read a prose selection from the Outlook entitled "The Democratization of Libraries" telling how the treasures of big libraries were being brought within reach of the masses and especially of children. Then came a funny sketch titled "Rules For Library Conduct" read by Mrs. C. J. Freeman. Next Mrs. Charles Derrickson read from the Rosary—a recent novel—a description of two characters therein; then the song called "The Rosary" was well sung by Mrs. Malcolm Cochran. A second reading was chosen from the same story, "The Duchess of Melford" and given by Miss Ethel Brady, and still another by Miss Josephine Biggs called "Sir Deryck." While all these readings were well done, the piece de resistance, by all odds the "best of the wine at the last of the feast" was an elaborately prepared paper of 35 pages reciting the history of the "Famous Libraries of the United States". After passing in brief survey some of the famous libraries of ancient days, Biblical and profane, the lady gave an account of the great public libraries of our own land from that of Harvard in 1636 to those noble benefactions of Dr. Benjamin Rush in Philadelphia, Cressar in Chicago, Pratt in Baltimore, etc., down to the many magnificent gifts of Carnegie.  
References were likewise made to the various educational and other institutions which have been the outgrowth of these public libraries, such as circulating or traveling libraries, the library extension movement, collections for the blind, schools for training librarians, schools of Art, Science, etc.  
The entire paper disclosed a vast deal of study and research, and was, moreover, not only couched in excellent English, but also prefaced by an introduction abounding in neat humorous touches. The effort was roundly applauded and the thanks of the Club unanimously voted Mrs. Hoffercker for her able effort.  
The committee of ladies appointed to see Mr. John, Sup. of the Delaware Div., of the old freight depot, would be glad to present to him the manifold grievances under which the public is suffering by reason of the railroad's course—told of the "unsightly and unsanitary condition of the ladies' toilet rooms," of the delay caused to travelers by the waiting train, the obstructing freights, etc., and of the positive need of a subway under the tracks. Mr. John said instant relief would be given for some of the things named, and also volunteered the intelligence heretofore given to the public by THE TRANSCRIPT, that the old freight depot, would be removed this year, and the Sardine Box be opened at both ends and enlarged. The subway Mr. John said would cost \$3000 to \$5000 and he "was apprehensive about the drainage!" That story will do to tell the marines. 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## ON PROBATION

—BY IZOLA FORRESTER

It's too bad she's leaving. Doctor Newell stirred a powder into a half tumbler of water slowly. His level brows were slightly drawn.

You always liked her. The head nurse's tone was tinged with a dash of gentle railery. Newell was the youngest surgeon at St. Clement's Hospital, as well as the best looking. She had known him since his training as intern there. Now he was on the staff, and in spite of his reputation as leading surgeon in Hampton there was still something about him that reminded her forcibly, of the shy, proud Southern lad who had come North for his medical training. More than one of the young nurses had colored under his steady glance, but not one had ever brought even a look of interest to his eyes until Amy Lovering came. And it troubled the head nurse.

She isn't at all fitted for a nurse by temperament, Doctor, she went on. It really has been a trial for the rest of us. She does not like discipline.

The corners of the doctor's firm mouth twitched suspiciously. He knew by experience that Miss Lovering did not like discipline.

And she argues with the doctors over their orders.

I know it, laughed Newell outright. I heard it going for old Barnes the other morning over his fever patient. Barnes sticks to the old school. No water for a fever patient. And she brought a quart bottle of mineral water in, and gave it to the man every time he wanted it. Barnes very nearly had a stroke when he saw the bottle.

She took the little girl in Number 12 out of bed last night, and walked the floor with her until she fell asleep, and the wound from the operation is not healed yet. It might have injured her badly.

Not the way Miss Lovering carried her, Newell said quickly. I saw her.

Did you speak in her favor with the board?

No. His tone was rather low. I urged that she was not suited to the profession.

The head nurse turned her head. Standing in the door of the laboratory was Miss Lovering, and she heard the doctor's last words. Her head, with its coquettish cap all little frills and bows, was tilted higher than usual, but there was surely a pained, surprised look in the great dark blue eyes as they met the doctor's glance. She waited until her prescription was filled, and went out without a word.

And after her went Newell. Just at the turn of the upper hall, where the sunlight poured down from the solarium skylight, he stopped her.

Amy, I want to speak to you. But I won't listen. She turned quickly, her eyes bright with unshed tears. You urged that I was not suited to the profession, didn't you? After pretending to help me, and to be a good friend all the time I have been here on probation. And you know just what it meant to me to pass.

You told me you did not like the life.

Neither do I the way you doctors run it. It is one long horror of suffering, and precious little to show for it. Old Barnes had an operation the other day on a poor woman, and went down after it was over, to her husband waiting in the reception-room. And he told him it had been a very successful operation in every way from a surgical standpoint, but the woman was dead. I saw her die. He was lecturing to a lot of interns, and the heart action stopped. He said he didn't know she had heart trouble. And that child, that child that Baldwin operated on without giving an anesthetic at all—I can hear her shrieks yet. Haven't they any judgment? Can't you study the individual a little as well as the science of the thing? Not like it I'd love to help alleviate pain and nurse them back to health, I love it, but I hate it all here.

You are too emotional for the life, answered Newell gently. I know what you mean. I felt that way, too, when I came here first. But truly, we are not all brutes like old Barnes, or experimental students like Baldwin. Baldwin will always be a student. He can't get past it, and he's been a practicing physician for twenty years. You are too sympathetic for the life. There are lots of mistakes one must overlook.

Yet you cannot overlook my mistake of being too sympathetic for the life, she echoed his words rebelliously. I want to stay here, and you know I try hard to conform to the rules. Perhaps after a time I will be cold-blooded like the other nurses, too. I must stay, truly, truly. Doctor Newell. There isn't any other place for me to go.

He looked at her keenly through his rimless eyeglasses, at the curious little break in her voice.

Can't you go back home?

No. I have no home. My mother died just before I entered here, and my father has married again, married in less than a year, think of it. I can never go back home now. And if you won't let me stay on here, I don't know what I can do.

Newell bit his lip and tried to steady his judgment.

If you will come to me the day you leave St. Clement's, I think I can get you another position.

As office assistant to some doctor? her tone was eager and almost pleading.

Yes, agreed Newell. As assistant to some doctor.

Just here the head nurse came quickly, lightly down the hall paused a moment to lay one hand on Amy's arm.

Miss Alston is ill and has gone home, she said. You will take her ward to-night, nurse.

Amy's face brightened as she assented.

The little girl is there, she told Newell as she left him. I think I make her forget her pain a little bit.

You could make any one forget anything, even their head, Newell said laughingly. I have two patients in Ward 44 and will see you to-night.

It was eight when she went on duty. The ward was very quiet, except for the little impatient moans of the child and the steady buzzing of the electric bell in Room 17. Amy felt sorry for the woman in 17. She was still young, and surprisingly lovely, even with the pallor of her desperate fight with death still on her face. She had only been in the ward three days. Amy had known of her coming, hearing the nurses talk at table about her. St. Clement's was far down in the business section of the town. Nearly all its patients were poor. Yet this woman was young, refined, delicately nurtured, and her clothing was of the best material. She had been operated on for a blood-clot on the brain the third day. There was still a faint odor of ether about her room when Amy entered it, as if the scent had accompanied her from the operating-room. She had a private nurse, and Amy only paused at the door to ask after her.

We cannot tell yet, said the nurse pleasantly, in a low voice. She has been dangerously ill for months. It was feared she would lose her reason. She could not articulate or think coherently. And it is pitiable. She is young and has everything to live for. If she wakens from the ether rational, there is hope of a recovery. Otherwise, she will die.

To-night? Amy was startled in spite of her effort to be impersonal. In the soft, shaded light she could see the face on the pillow. The wealth of blond hair had been braided in two long plaits and hung on either side of her shoulders. Her breath came in deep, spasmodic efforts through shut teeth. Her hands were clenched as if still in conscious pain.

How very lovely she is, she said softly. Whose patient is she?

Doctor Newell's answered the nurse. Didn't you know? She is Mrs. Newell.

Amy went her rounds with throbbing pulses and a bewildered feeling of unnatural calm. She soothed the little girl in Room 12, told her some stories and petted her, until she fell contentedly tranquilly asleep.

A new patient was brought in, an old Irish woman, who steadfastly refused to remove her red flannel underwear, although the thermometer eighty nine degrees in the room, and it took all of Amy's gentle diplomacy to get her safely into hospital garb. Down at the end of the hall another woman was sobbing because she had left five children at home, and there was no one to care for them. Amy went to the ward phone and called up the head nurse, and in ten minutes

an outdoor nurse had been sent out to see that the five children did not get into trouble. Everywhere, at each point, she carried quick, efficacious relief, and unfailing sympathy and understanding. As she came back from the phone, she found Newell waiting for her. It was after twelve, and her eyes were brilliant with dark shadows around them.

I want to speak to you, nurse, he said. Don't wear yourself out. You look tired. It's about the lady in 17. She is very low. Amy's head lifted, and she looked him in the eyes fearlessly. I will take every care of her, Doctor Newell. Shall I call you if there is a change for the worse—or better?

I shall not leave her to-night. She does not rally from the effects of the ether, and I want to be there when she does to see if she will know me.

Amy's hand pressed the white collar at her throat. She tried to speak and could not. The tears, that always came when she was sorely tried, rose to her eyes, and he saw them. Before she could stop him or guess his intention, he caught her two wrists and held them firmly.

Amy, Amy, don't. You must not let these cases affect you. Listen to me, dear.

Will you let me go? she whispered, trying to draw her wrists away. Somebody was coming rapidly along the passage. He bent his head and kissed her fingers tenderly, reverently. And she turned to face the private nurse from 17.

Will you come at once, doctor? she exclaimed. Mrs. Newell is conscious and spoke your name.

After he had left her, Amy stood, her hands covering her face. She loved him, had loved him for months, thinking him unmarriageable, and now his wife was lying there, calling for him, calling for him from the very valley of the shadow of death, while his kiss still burned on her cool finger-tips. It was like some terrible, shocking nightmare. She turned with a quick, desperate idea of calling the head nurse and leaving, getting another nurse to take her place, anything to let her escape from the chance of meeting him again.

As she hurried along the corridor to the phone, she heard the little girl calling her softly.

Nurse, nurse, come here, please.

Yes, dear. She stepped to the door quickly. What is it?

Can you see the pretty light, from the window? she tried to raise herself on one elbow, but fell weakly back. The glow made my room all red a minute ago.

Amy went to the window and lifted the curtain. There was a court-yard around the hospital and a stretch of green sward near the outer railing. The next building was on fire. From the third story window where she stood she could see the smoke pouring from the upper windows and see the flames darting out here and there at the lower casings, as they ate their way through. Yet her tone was calm and soothing as she lowered the curtain again.

It is pretty, she said. I think there is a searching light toward the river, dear. Just go to sleep and forget about it. I will come in again in a few minutes. There was not an instant to lose. Walking softly quickly down the hall so as not to alarm any one, she reached the telephone and called up the office. Telling what she had seen, she asked that the other nurses be roused at once and sent to their posts throughout the building, that somebody be despatched to ring the alarm, and it must be a still alarm. She met the nurses calmly as they hurried through the halls, directing, instructing each what to do, to close the windows noiselessly, to lower all shades, to quiet any suspicious, above all to stand ready for any emergency.

Oh, Miss Lovering, what if we had a panic, exclaimed the head nurse, half clinging to her arm. You have never been through one. I was nearly suffocated in a fire rush at the old city hospital.

Be quiet. You only alarm yourself, said Amy gently. I suppose it is awful, but we must think of the poor patients first. If we are ordered to leave the building, I think we can do so safely. Release the interns and servants, and have them ready with stretchers at the north hallway, on each floor, and ambulances down on the side street, and you had better send up to the other hospitals for extra ambulances, for they will have to take our patients. Let the nurses go with the worst cases.

And the head nurse obeyed orders. In every ward, at every staircase and silent watchers. At every street door ambulances were lined up, waiting, while the engines drew up outside, without the usual mad clamor and disturbance, and wrestled with the fire. And quietly, unknowingly, the patients slept, unconscious of the danger or excitement.

It was after two before the last hospital went down the street, and nearly half an hour later before the ward was cleared. The head nurse found Amy kneeling beside the bed of the little girl in Number 12, her face hidden in her hands. The older woman embraced her and kissed the waves of soft, dark hair.

My dear, you have proved yourself a veritable heroine this night, she said. I ask your pardon for even suggesting that you are unfitted for the profession of a nurse. Doctor Newell wants to speak to you.

I won't I cannot see him, Amy faltered. But he has good news. Mrs. Newell is conscious and is quite rational. She will recover. She even heard the sound of the hose playing on the fire and asked about it, and said she was not afraid.

Was her husband with her all the time? Amy asked the question with difficulty.

Her husband? Why, he is dead dear. She is a widow, with several little children, and Doctor Newell, her brother-in-law, has had full charge of her since the accident. She was injured in a motor accident some time ago, and it was feared would lose her reason. The doctor is

waiting to see you before he goes. Amy rose obediently and went out into the hall.

I could not leave without seeing you, Newell told her. I want you to know the truth. I did speak against retaining you here as a staff nurse, because I want you to leave it all and be my wife. Now, do you blame me, Amy?

She flushed shyly and lifted tired, happy eyes to his.

No, no, not one single bit, she said softly. Not since I found out that a doctor cannot attend his own wife.

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When Paris settled on her verdict as to the fashions a century ago, little dolls, dressed to represent the various styles, were forwarded to the wealthy women in America, and to a few dressmakers. These couriers of fashion reached the United States about six months after they had been shown in the French capital.

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BIG SHAD SEASON

The shad fishing industry in the Delaware river will soon be in operation. The majority of the fishermen have their nets overhauled and ready for use, while the others are rushing the work and will be ready to cast them into the waters of the Delaware within the next two weeks.

There has been favorable weather to an early run of shad, and the gullies who spent the past three months in the southern waters are returning home to operate their nets.

The run of shad in the South has been very good, and the fishermen say that shad should be starting to enter the Delaware by this time.

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The commission is empowered to select counsel and surveyors for the purpose of making a survey and plot of such lands, and also to establish title to certain lands that may be in dispute. Appeals from the commission's decisions could be taken to Superior Court. The sum of \$2500 is appropriated to pay all expenses of the commission, and the members shall receive \$5 a day for each day of actual service.

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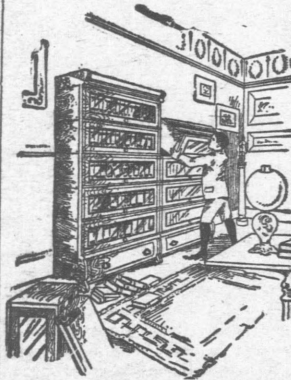
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